

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED FOREST PROTECTION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether integrated forest protection scheme is being run by the Union Government under centrally sponsored scheme in which 75 per cent expenditure is borne by the Union Government and 25 per cent by State Government;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has received any action plan under the above scheme from Rajasthan for the year 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 for clearance;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) by when these are likely to be cleared ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Integrated Forest Protection Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme. The funding pattern of the Scheme is 75%:25% cost sharing between the Centre and the States / Union Territories except for the States of North East Region and special category States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal for which the funding pattern is 90% : 10%.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c)and(d) Annual work Programme for 2003-04 could not be sanctioned for want of budget provision of matching state share of funds in State Plan 2003-04. Annual Work Programme 2004-05 for Rajasthan has been sanctioned by Government of India for Rs. 200.00 lakhs out of which State share is Rs. 50.00 lakhs.

The State Government has made a budget provision so far only for Rs. 12.50 lakhs as state share. As a result, Rs. 15.27 lakhs only could be released as 1st instalment of Central share after adjusting Rs. 22.23 lakhs of unspent Central funds already available with the State Government. Further release of funds is subject to adequate budget provision for State share and submission of Utilisation Certificate & Progress Report of funds released so far.